



## **Therapeutically means and traditional practices in Arges and Muscel before the foundation of the pharmacies**

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Before 1839, when the first pharmacy was founded in Pitesti the inhabitants of the villages and townies from the territories of the Arges and Muscel counties used medicinal plants, sacerdotal assistance, some empirical remedies, and mineral waters, as therapeutically efficient means. For the appeasement of the sufferings, they used in the same time irrational traditional practices as disenchantments, talismans, bear's gait, worn-out, and dancers perform. Only a physician from Pitesti and another from Campulung, without laboratories, prepare drugs from the entire zone.

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### **Introduction**

At the beginning of the XIX century, the territory of the present-day Arges County was divided in two old counties: Arges and Muscel. The living standard of the population was at very low level. The most of the inhabitants were poor peasants. Their humble houses, sometimes hovels or cottages, in the majority of cases were only unhealthy shelters. The most agglomerated villages at that time passed hardly to the urbanization standards. Some townies inhabited especially by the shopkeepers and artisans were the most known in the region [1].